

WAC 246-976-640 Designation standards for facilities providing level IV trauma care services--Administration and organization.

A facility with a designated level IV trauma care service shall:

- (1) Define a system for providing emergency care twenty-four hours every day, which shall include ongoing coordination by a registered nurse;
- (2) Establish emergency care services consistent with community needs, the approved regional plan, and within the facility's capabilities. The service shall have a policy that identifies and establishes its scope of trauma care for both adult and pediatric patients, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Initial resuscitation and stabilization;
 - (b) Admission criteria;
 - (c) Surgical capabilities;
 - (d) Critical care capabilities;
 - (e) Rehabilitation capabilities;
- (3) Have a method of activating trauma-response personnel consistent with the scope of trauma care and in keeping with the goals of WAC 246-976-870;
- (4) Have a written policy and procedures to divert trauma patients to other designated trauma care services. The policy shall be based on criteria which reflect the ability of the service to accept, resuscitate and stabilize each patient at a particular time, and shall include notification of prehospital providers of the facility's diversion status;
- (5) Have interfacility transfer guidelines and agreements consistent with WAC 246-976-890;
- (6) Participate in the state trauma registry as required in WAC 246-976-430, with a person identified as responsible for coordination of trauma registry activities;
- (7) Have a quality assurance program in accordance with WAC 246-976-881; and
- (8) Participated in the regional trauma quality assurance program as required in WAC 246-976-910.

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